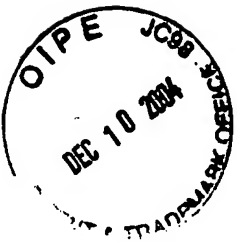


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) **RESPONSE TO**
) **ELECTION OF SPECIES**
) **REQUIREMENT**
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Sir:

Responsive to the Election of Species Requirement dated November 15, 2004, Applicant elects the embodiment of species **A**, as shown in Figures 2A through 2F, for examination. Claims 1 through 7 read on the elected species. The election is made without traverse. By making this election and selecting these claims for examination, however, Applicant does not restrict the scope of the listed claims to only the features of the exemplary embodiment shown in Figs. 2A through 2F. Rather, these claims may also read, for example, on other exemplary embodiments described in the specification, and should be afforded the broadest scope allowed by the relevant prior art.

Examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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